discloses the case where TCP communication is not performed between the terminals sending and receiving the email. Thus, a direct connection may not be established between the sender and receiver of the email and it cannot be said that there is a direct connection established between the sender and receiver of electronic mail.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add claims 62-67 as follows:

--62. A method for communicating between a monitored device and a monitoring device, comprising the steps of:

determining information to be transmitted by the monitoring device to the monitored device, the information including a request for a status of the monitored device determined using sensors within the monitored device; and

transmitting the information as an Internet electronic mail message over the Internet from the monitoring device to the monitored device.

63. A method according to claim 62, wherein the transmitting step comprises:

transmitting the information as the Internet electronic mail message which includes an identifier followed by an "@" symbol followed by a domain name.

64. A method according to claim 62, wherein the transmitting step comprises:

transmitted the information as the Internet electronic mail message through a firewall of a network which includes the monitored device.

65. A system for communicating between a monitored device and a monitoring device, comprising:

means for determining information to be transmitted by the monitoring device to the monitored device, the information including a request for a status of the monitored device determined using sensors within the monitored device; and

a connectionless-mode transmitter which transmits the information as an Internet electronic mail message over the Internet, which is a connectionless-mode of communication from the monitoring device to the monitored device.

66. A system according to claim 65, wherein the transmitter comprises:

a device configured to transmit the information as the Internet electronic mail message which includes an identifier followed by an "@" symbol followed by a domain name.

67. A system according to claim 65, wherein the transmitter comprises:

a device configured to transmit the information as the Internet electronic mail message through a firewall of a network which includes the monitored device.--

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 10, 12-19, 36, 38-45 and 52-67 are pending in the present application; Claims 62-67 having been added by way of the present amendment.

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the courtesy of an interview extended by Examiner Luu to Applicant's Attorney, James Kulbaski, on March 27, 1998, during which the outstanding Office Action was discussed.

During the interview, Mr. Luu indicated that it was his biggest concern that the specification and claims are erroneous because it is recited that Internet electronic mail is a